(b) The number of cases detected in the State of Gujarat are as under:

Year	No. of cases
1998	2,07,027
1999	2,09,868
2000	2,03,942

(c) and (d) The precautionary control measures being taken by the Government include provision of safe drinking water and taking adequate steps to improve hygenic sanitation facilities to the vulnerable sections of the society, both in rural and urban areas. Steps have also been taken to create awareness among the masses about good sanitary habits and health seeking behaviour, which will contribute to reduction of incidence of Water-borne disease. The Government has also initiated an Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme (ORTP) and a National Surveilance Programme for Communicable Diseases (NSPCD) as a pilot project in selected district for detection of early warning signals of outbreaks of cholera and other diarrhoeal diseases and rapid response for prevention and control of these outbreaks. Six districts of Gujarat State, namely, Ahmedabad Kutch, Mehsana, Surat Banaskaha and Jamanagar are covered under National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases.

Order position of Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd.

4142. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the order position of the Andhra Pradesh based PSU, Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd, has been satisfactory for the last three years;

(b) if so, details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether the PSU has made up the entire losses suffered by it so, far;

(d) if not, the backlog thereof; and

(e) the assistance being provided by Government to this PSU to run efficiently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA: (a) No. Sir the trend of inflow of orders to BHPV during the last three years has not been satisfactory.

(b) The orders received by BHPV during the last three years were as under:

Year	Order (Rupees in crore)
1999-2000	410
2000-2001	65
2001-2002	187

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Company has incurred a loss of Rs. 20.36 crore during the year 1999-2000. It turned around its operations and earned profits of Rs. 0.94 crore and 1.56 crore during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively. The accumulated loss as on 31-03-2002 stood at Rs. 3.91 crore.

(e) During the last three years the Government of India has provided following assistance to BHPV:—

(i) Rs. 70.16 crore for implementation of VRS in the company during 2000-2001 and 2001-02.

(ii) Counter guarantee for raising Rs. 15 crore by issue of bonds for implementation of VRS.

(iii) Counter guaranteee for Rs. 15 crore for project financing for execution of orders.

(iv) Rs. 9 crore for meeting capital expenditure requirements towards modernization, renewals and replacement of existing plant & machinery.

(v) Regularly pursuing the matter with the concerned Ministries/ Departments for placement of order on BHPV.

(vi) As a part of overall policy of the Government of India of disinvesting its stake in all non-strategic PSUs, action is underway to convert BHPV into a joint venture enterprise.

(vii) Has recently granted 'in principle' approval to a financial restructuring proposal of BHPV incumbent upon successful joint venture formation.